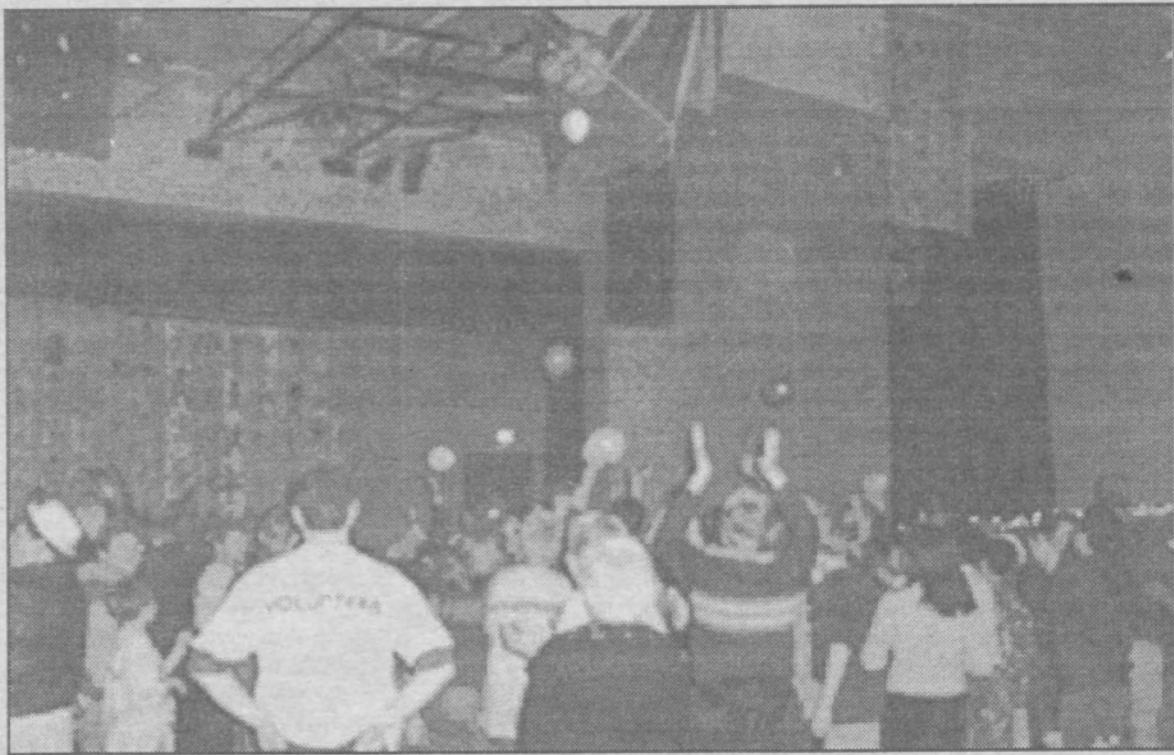


**Closed Monday**

The News Review office will be closed on Monday, January 1. The office will be open Tuesday, January 2 from 2-4 and 8-10 p.m.



It's that time! 2001 is here!

- photo by Jenna Williams

## Bursting Fireworks Announce Greenbelt's New Year 2001

by Mary Moien

On December 31 at 6:50 p.m., a spectacular display of fireworks announced the beginning of New Year's Eve in Greenbelt. More than 700 tickets were sold to Greenbelt New Year 2001 and, since children under 5 were admitted free, it was estimated that between 800 and 1,000 Greenbelters took part. The evening concluded with the traditional countdown to midnight with horns and hats, and balloons falling from the ceiling of the Community Center gym. Of course, Auld Lang Syne was played.

**The Start**

Although it was freezing outside, a hearty crowd of Greenbelters gathered at Braden field to see the opening fireworks. The show was spectacular. Each burst was long enough and full enough to be the finale. Circles and stars and colors filled the sky. There was plenty of noise too with shells bursting overhead. Finally a ground display read "Happy New Year" and everyone trooped inside to continue the festivities.

**The Venues**

There were more than 20 acts and activities taking place in five

venues. The main site was the Community Center, but revelers fanned out to the Old Greenbelt Theatre, the Arts Center and the New Deal Café for other action. The teens had their own party in the Youth Center.

In the Community Center, the Trinidad & Tobago Steel Band started up as partygoers donned hats and leis to help them get in the mood. Down the hall, KayDee Puppets entertained a roomful of children. In another room, the Goddard Storytellers were weaving stories for listeners of all ages. And those were but

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## Jaime Whitfield Is Popular 2nd Grade Teacher at Greenbelt

by Sandra Lange

This is only her second year of teaching, but Jaime Whitfield is excited as the school year begins at Greenbelt Elementary and she prepares her second grade classroom for 24 new students. During the first week of classes many of her students from the previous year came back to greet her and to ask to be in her room again. "No. No." she exclaimed. "You have to go to third grade

now!" They went obediently, but often return in the morning on their way to their new classroom. Jaime Whitfield bonds with her kids, and they with her. So it's no surprise that they are reluctant to move on.

There's a lot to do to prepare for each day's lesson. Whitfield arrives at school early to complete her preparation for the day's lessons. A long line at the school's only operable copy machine means she will spend her 20-minute breaks and her 30-minute lunch copying or laminating. Because the school has no art teacher, she has to gather materials for that day's art project.

When the student teacher she had until the end of October commented that she seemed to frequently miss eating lunch, Whitfield replied, "That's okay. I have a lot to do."

Her busy schedule was especially complicated because she was also planning her wedding at the end of the second week of school. She would be on her honeymoon for one week, and everything had to be ready for the

substitute teacher.

A product of the Prince George's County school system herself, Whitfield attended Martin Luther King Middle School and graduated from Laurel High School. She received her degree in elementary education from Bowie State. At the end of her first year at Greenbelt Elementary, she had job offers to transfer to Anne Arundel County, which offered her more money.

But Whitfield is committed to Prince George's County. "Someone was here to teach me," she remarks, "and I want to be here for others. Money isn't everything," she adds. "My heart must be in Prince George's County."

Whitfield likes Greenbelt Elementary and praises principal Katherine Curl. She remembers Curl saying to her during her initial interview, "We have some challenging children here." She appreciates Curl's honesty and understanding nature. "She's there for you when you need her," Whitfield reflects.

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Jamie Whitfield

## Melange of City Business Keeps Council til 1:30 a.m.

by Betsy Likowski

Significant movement, though no final decisions, were made affecting key parks in the city at its regular council meeting on Monday, December 18. Council approved most of the building plans for restrooms at the lake park and agreed to draw up a resolution to add a further layer of protection to Greenbelt's largest park. Council also implemented a program to reduce false alarms, discussed a car sharing proposal, and put on hold plans to reorganize the Department of Public Works. (Other council actions at this meeting that lasted until 1:30 in the morning have been reported in separate stories.)

**Potties in the Park**

Plans for restrooms in the "Buddy" Attick Lake Park were once again looked at by Council. As a result of discussion at a worksession in March and at a regular meeting in October, council had reached a consensus that there should be a restroom facility in the park located near the parking lot. The facility is planned to be two separate buildings connected by a courtyard and roof. It is intended to adequately serve the needs of park users on typical days; it is not planned to be large enough for special occasions, such as the 4th of July fireworks.

At the October meeting, the

council decided it did not like the architect's proposed building material — split faced concrete masonry block. This is the material used at the restrooms in Schrom Hills Park and is a low maintenance material.

City staff presented council with six plans for the facade of the building. After some discussion council voted 4 to 1 in favor of a facade of mainly stone with sections of wood. Councilmember Thomas White said he preferred a facade of stone with sections of asphalt shingle because he thought it was the lowest maintenance construction.

Council will decide on a roofing material at a later date. City staff will look into a new building material that looks like wood but is more durable.

**Conserving Parkland**

Council unanimously moved to begin work on adding a further layer of protection on the city's largest piece of parkland. The wooded area between Ridge Road and the Baltimore-Washington Parkway is about 200 acres in size and is used for passive recreation. The three parcels, Parcel 1, Parcel 2, and the 72 acre surplus school board property were acquired by the city about 10 years ago. A proposal put forth in 1987 to de-

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## Laurel Hill Laundry Room Erupts in Nighttime Fire

by Barbara Likowski

A fire extensively damaged the home of Philip Larkin and family at 12A Laurel Hill Road shortly after midnight on January 3. The family was alerted by a smoke detector and smelled smoke in the laundry room area. They were able to get out of the house safely as were the families in the other three houses in the row. There were no injuries. However, there was total loss of personal property in 12A. There was also smoke damage and a hole in the roof of 12B.

To get out of the cold, families in the entire row went to the homes of neighboring families. According to Greenbelt Fire Chief Randy Krob, a blocked up dryer in the laundry room caught fire. The fire extended into the room and a little bit of the fire extended into the first floor living room, then went up the outside wall into the bathroom and the attic.

Eyewitness Earl Kepler of 14 Court Laurel Hill Road looked out his second story window and could see flames shooting out of the roof. Flames were also reflected on his bedroom wall. "There was lots of smoke," he said. Kepler and his neighbors in 14 Court, Karl Hille and Bernie Cullinan commended the Greenbelt Fire Department for their prompt arrival and professional job of putting the fire out.

Because of the nearness of the power lines, they had to wait a few

minutes to make sure the electricity was off, then put the fire out quickly.

Greenbelt's Fire Department was the first department on the scene and had put the fire down in 10 minutes according to Chief Krob. Most of the damage was done to 12A, Krob said, but there was also damage to 12B. Other fire departments on the scene were from Berwyn Heights, Branchville, West Lanham Hills, Glenn Dale, and a unit from Bladensburg.

According to Gretchen Overdurf, manager of Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI), a maintenance man was sent to spend the entire night at 12A. First thing in the morning GHI workers boarded up the building so that it was secure at all times. An insurance adjuster was called in. Further information will be forthcoming.

**What Goes On**

**Mon., Jan. 8, 8 p.m.**  
Regular City Council Meeting,  
Municipal Building

**Tue., Jan. 9, 7 p.m.** ACE  
Meeting, Municipal Building

**Wed., Jan. 10, 8 p.m.** City  
Council Worksession, Compensation and Benefits Study,  
Community Center

**Thur., Jan. 11, 7:30 p.m.**  
Greenbelt Homes, Inc. Board  
of Directors Meeting,  
Hamilton Place



## Letter

### Screens Needed On Storm Sewers

Come back, Blackie Bagman Baggins!

Blackie was too big for just one name.

"Blackie" was the obvious name for a cat with shiny black fur punctuated only by stylish white paws and chest. The "Bagman" part comes from the bagpipe-like sounds he makes when he's squeezed.

The "Baggins" part, I'm not even sure how to spell, let alone explain. I chalk it up to the British roots of his "owners," my long-time neighbors.

Befitting them, Blackie is a cosmopolitan. In fact, a friend and I have drunk cappuccino with Blackie in his screened-in porch, on one of the numerous occasions I was fortunate enough to be cat-sitting him.

I became part of Blackie's extended family.

It was obvious to anyone in 3 and 5 Courts Laurel Hill as to who was boss. Tail upright, he patrolled these townhouses day and night to keep other cats, dogs, and people in line. One of his stops involved checking my patio doors to see that my three indoor cats knew who rules.

Many people enjoyed Blackie's antics. Until this Christmas Eve. I returned from vacation to learn that Blackie had met the same fate as my cat Tish-Tish in 1987 — he had entered the growing ranks of the Greenbelt disappeared.

Like all those who lose these family members mysteriously, we are left to search and guess. Certainly, for a healthy cat like Blackie, the disappearance is likely to require a human hand, intentional or otherwise. Was he hit by a car, kidnapped, shot, stoned, or poisoned? Is he being held captive in someone's loving home — the best option. Like many cats, he had substitute homes.

Or was he killed by a dog or wild animal? Could he have wandered out of his territory and gotten lost?

Unfortunately, a telephone tip raises the possible scenario that he fell down a storm sewer grate at Westway and Crescent.

I first discovered how open these sewer grates are when I lost Tish-Tish. In our search for Blackie, we discovered that one of the sewers, near the library, has the remnants of a screen that would prevent debris — or scared animals — from falling in.

### Correction

The free open house of the International Folk Dance group will be held in the Youth Center, Friday, January 5 at 7:30 p.m. The wrong location was published in last week's paper.

### We Goofed!

Janet Goldberg, Springhill Lake Recreation Center and Kenny Gray, Aquatic and Fitness Center were named County Heroes 2000 on November 8. Their names should have been included in our Year 2000 Honorees article.

### Volunteer Opportunity

Doctors Community Hospital, in Lanham, is seeking friendly and dependable people to support guest relations efforts as volunteers at the Information Desk. People who are available to volunteer for four hours per week and would like to work in a hospital setting should call 301-552-8602 for a volunteer information packet.

### Food and Friends Needs Winter Drivers

Food and Friends, an organization that delivers nutritious meals throughout the area to people living with HIV/AIDS and other life-threatening illnesses, is planning ahead and lining up volunteer drivers for upcoming winter storms.

Regardless of bad weather conditions, Food and Friends must continue delivering meals and groceries to the people they serve. When weather conditions are bad, many volunteers are unable to make their regular deliveries, leaving the organization with a reduced ability to deliver critically needed meals. In severe weather conditions, Food and Friends deliveries must be reduced to "critical need basis." Extra meals known as storm bags are delivered to ensure each person has enough food even if the weather worsens.

Volunteers with four-wheel-drive vehicles are needed to assure that every client can be reached despite the weather. Those with four-wheel-drive vehicles who are able to make food deliveries for Food and Friends are asked to call 202-488-8278.

I ask that public works officials revisit the pros and cons of such screens, considering the advantage of closing off one of the nightmare scenarios we who lose pets must ponder our entire lives, unless our companions return.

Don Comis

## WHITFIELD

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Whitfield has ambitions to take more college courses next year and eventually to become an elementary school principal herself.

Whitfield's goals for the year include helping the students write well, use complete sentences when they speak, and become more "strategic" readers. She emphasizes summarizing what has been read, predicting what will happen in a story from the photographs, and reviewing the sounds of vowels and consonants.

### Desks

The children's desks are arranged in groups of five so that those with more abilities in a certain area can help others. "Often children can explain to each other something that is more easily understood than if an adult explained it," she says.

Volunteers would be most welcome in Whitfield's classroom. "Some children are not doing their homework," she notes, "and I need someone to help them." For those who don't complete their assignments, she takes them outside with her during recess and makes them finish. But she is not happy about doing that as she feels children need time to play and restore their energies.

This year's expeditionary learning project is focusing on multiculturalism. As part of the overall theme, second graders will be studying family traditions. Whitfield would like someone to come into her classroom and talk about holidays celebrated by different nationalities and ethnic groups.

She would also love to have a volunteer talk to the children about any aspect of the nature theme. Last year a parent discussed different kinds of rocks with the students. Other topics might be flowers, herbs, butterflies, birds. Math tutors also are needed. She tries to encourage students who are frustrated and feel they can't do something as easily as other students.

Whitfield recognizes that not all children come from ideal homes. "I have to be there for the children. I have to be their role model," she says. "Children need a lot of reinforcement and a lot of structure. Parents are working hard and don't always have time to give," she notes. Gesturing about the room, she says, "This is a child's comfort zone." Whitfield is particularly sympathetic to the struggles of working parents, coming from a single-parent household herself.

### Beautiful School

"I wish more people would get involved in the school," she

## The Old Curmudgeon



"No coffee, no smoking, no sugars, no excitement ... and you should live a full, but rather dull, life."

exclaims. "We have a big beautiful school here, and people should want to keep it beautiful inside."

No matter how horrible her

day may be, Whitfield says something will happen to make her laugh and feel good about her choice to become a teacher. She remembers the day she told a child to write the date on her paper and the child wrote "the date." Whitfield laughs. "Children depend on you and think the world of you. It is a joy to be a part of someone's life. It's so big to them," she muses.

### Volunteer

If you wish to volunteer at Greenbelt Elementary School, please call:

PTA Membership: Rebecca Roper, 301-474-5382

Kindergarten: Ann Sowers, 301-345-3462

Reading/Writing: Ramona Aquilera, 301-982-7005

Math & Science: David Lange, 301-577-3686

Art projects: Tina Scites, 301-441-8689 (call after 5:30 pm or weekends)

Computer support: David Lange, 301-577-3686

Office or library support: David Lange, 301-577-3686

Field trips, Multicultural Dinner, Career Day, and other special school programs: Rita Ralph, 301-513-0436

General support: Diane Siegel, 301-345-7569

### Maryland Leaders Honored at Cathedral

Washington National Cathedral will sponsor a special service, Maryland State Day Worship Service and Celebration, to recognize people and leaders of Maryland. This is a major event expected to draw almost a thousand participants from around the state. Church and political figures who will participate include Senator Paul Sarbanes, Representatives Steny Hoyer and Wayne Gilchrist.

The service will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, January 21 at the cathedral, Massachusetts and Wisconsin Avenues, Washington, DC.

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Monday, January 8 at 8:00pm

City Council Meeting (live)

Tuesday - Thursday, January 9<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>

2 & 6 pm

"Perils for Pedestrians"

2:30 & 6:30pm

"ACE Reading Program-Greenbelt Elementary

2:45 & 6:45pm

"Springhill Lake Elementary School

Celebration Time"

3:45 & 7:45pm

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Wednesdays & Fridays

Call for Schedule.



## GHI Notes

The Marketing Committee will meet January 9 at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room.

The Woodlands Committee will meet January 10 at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room.

Regular Board Meetings for the month are January 11 and 25 at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room. Members are encouraged to attend.

## Walk the Azalea Trail

Join a park ranger on a one-mile walk on the Azalea Trail in Greenbelt Park. Wear comfortable footwear and meet at the Sweetgum picnic area near the park entrance on Saturday, January 6 at 10 a.m. For more directions or information, call Greenbelt Park at 301-344-3944.

## Hard of Hearing Meet For Speech Reading

The January 11 meeting of the Prince George's County group, Self Help for Hard of Hearing People (SHHH), will feature Kathy Mellott of College Park Hearing Services. Mellott's topic will be "Help with those Missing Words." Most hard of hearing persons hear sounds but have difficulty comprehending speech. It is the missing sounds that sometimes makes understanding conversation a guessing game. To learn more about speech reading, plan to attend the SHHH meeting Thursday, January 11 at the Greenbelt Community Center at 2 p.m.

For further information or directions call 301-474-0345.

## Punchin' Judy Ticky Tack Tech Talk

by

Chat with Cyberia@home.mom

Q: My daughter spends eight hours a day playing games on her computer. Will this hurt her wrists?

A: I dunno, but it can't be doing her report card much good.

Q: I am told that 2001 is the real millennium. Will this cause a glitch on my computer on January 1?

A: What planet are you from and how have you survived this long?

Q: I met this boy in a chat room and he wants to meet me in "reel" time at my place. Does this mean he wants to go fishing in Greenbelt Lake?

A: Better check on his "real" time spelling ability before reeling this one in. He may be angling for more than a flounder.

Q: Why does water come out of my monitor every time I turn on my PC?

A: Are you sure you are not downloading your washing machine?

# Community Events

## At the Library

### Children's Programs

Tuesday, January 9, 7 p.m. Cliffhangers for ages 5 to 8.

Wednesday, January 10, 4 p.m. BookKids discussion group for ages 8 to 12.

Thursday, January 11, 10:15 a.m. Drop-In Storytime for ages 3 to 5.

11:15 a.m. Toddler Time for two-year-olds and parent or caregiver.

### Adult Programs

Saturday, January 13, 10:30 a.m. Poetry Plus, a workshop for adults.

## Collage Workshop at Arts Festival

by Nicole De Wald,

### Greenbelt's Arts Co-ordinator

While Greenbelt's New Year celebration may qualify as the city's first arts festival of 2001, it will by no means be the last. On the first Sunday of each month, the Greenbelt Recreation Department will continue to host a series of mini arts festivals known as Artful Afternoons at the Greenbelt Community Center. From noon until 5 p.m. guests are invited to meet the Center's Artists in Residence, tour the studios, visit the art gallery, and enjoy free performances and activities. Visual artists are also invited to bring in their work for an open discussion. There is something new to see, hear, and do at each month's program.

Beginning at 3 p.m. on January 7, Marilyn Banner will lead a free collage workshop for guests ages 12 and up. No prior artistic experience is needed in order to participate, as workshop activities will emphasize lively and spontaneous creation. Participants will work on individual and collaborative projects formed by Banner's own approach of working in an intuitive way. All materials will be provided.

Marilyn Banner's work is included in more than 100 collec-

## Recyclers Honored By City with Plaque

Greenbriar was recognized by the City of Greenbelt in November for its outstanding recycling efforts. A plaque was presented to Barbara Smith, president of the Greenbriar Community Association Board of Directors. Nancy Waruch, vice president of the Greenbriar Community Association, also attended the ceremony. The plaque is located in the lobby display case at the Greenbriar Community Building.

tions in the United States and abroad, including the permanent holdings of the National Museum of Women in the Arts and National Jewish Museum. She has exhibited widely on the east coast and has been the recipient of several honors, including four fellowships from the Virginia Center for the Creative Arts. Her exhibition at the Greenbelt Community Center continues through January 31. Gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily. Visitors are encouraged to call 301-397-2208 before visiting to ensure that the gallery is not in use for a scheduled event.

## Greens Meet Monday

The Greenbelt Greens will hold their regular monthly meeting on Monday, January 8 at 7:30 p.m. in the police station's public meeting room. The Greens meet the second Monday of every month.

Agenda items this Monday will include local environmental and social justice issues, as well as organizing to build the Maryland Greens.

The public is invited and refreshments will be served. For more information, call 301-486-0744.

## Parents to Learn About Homework

Parents wishing to help their grade-school children with homework but who throw their hands up in fear and confusion instead, Greenbelt Library has the answer to their predicament.

On Tuesday, January 30, the local branch is offering a one-hour workshop, beginning at 7:30 p.m., entitled "Parent Empowerment: Quest for Homework Success."

Registration, beginning this week, is required for this free session, which is funded by the Maryland State Department of Education.

A pilot study done four years ago to assess library information services to children in Maryland libraries found that 88% of questions were about school assignments.

The January 30 workshop offers knowledge, tools and confidence to parents taking their children to a library and wondering, as they enter, "what do we do now?" This workshop can save parents time and frustration by preparing them to help their children tackle school assignments most effectively.

## Millennium Topic For Poetry Plus

The Poetry Plus discussion group will meet on Saturday, January 13, 10:30 a.m. to noon at the Greenbelt Library to talk about poetry with the new millennium as the topic. The group is open to all who enjoy poetry. Anyone interested may bring poems to be copied for the group to read.

## Governor to Address Local Businesses

Governor Parris N. Glendening and other elected officials will speak about today's priority legislative issues at Legislative Night 2001, a program sponsored by the Prince George's Chamber of Commerce. The speakers will discuss such topics as education, transportation, economic development and public safety and its effect on the business community.

The program will be held at Martin's Crosswinds in Greenbelt on Monday, January 8 from 6 to 9 p.m.

For further details call the Chamber of Commerce at 301-731-5000.

## SOCCER SOCCER SOCCER Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club Spring Soccer Registration



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Register for the Spring Soccer Season at the Greenbelt Youth Center Saturday, January 13th 10-12, Sunday, January 14th and Wednesday, January 17th 5:30-7:30 Questions or for more information call 301-794-0100.

## PRELIMINARY AGENDA MEETING OF GHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS Thursday, January 11, 2001 GHI Board Room



### Key Agenda Items

- Salary Ranges
- Member Request for Exception to Purchase Second GHI Membership and Occupancy Rights
- Member Request for Exception - Purchase of Occupancy Rights for Use by Greenbelt Pottery, Inc.
- Scheduling
  - Manager's Evaluation
  - Work Session on Maintenance Issues
  - Board Photo

Regular Board meetings are open to members.



## City of Greenbelt COMMUNITY MEDIATION BOARD

The City of Greenbelt has re-established a Community Mediation Board under the auspices of the Prince George's County Human Relations Commission. This Board is comprised of city residents who have volunteered to receive mediation training and be available to mediate disputes between neighbors.

Mediation consists of a step by step problem solving process that results in the involved parties agreeing on a fair solution. Mediation serves as an alternative to litigation and brings both parties to the table on an equal basis. A mediator does not act as an advocate of either party. He/she reserves judgment and does not voice opinion.

Types of problems mediated may be noisy neighbors, barking dogs, trespassing children, blocked driveways, family feuds, littering, loitering, neighboring property neglect, small claims matters, etc.

Mediation services will be available at the Greenbelt Community Center on the second Tuesday and fourth Wednesday of each month. Any Greenbelt citizen who wishes to make use of this free service should call the Human Resources Officer, City of Greenbelt, 301-345-7203.



## ATTENTION PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS

Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI), one of the oldest and most established housing cooperatives in the country, is offering brief and informative presentations designed to introduce cooperative life style to you. The presentation will explain what a cooperative is, how it operates, what services are provided members, and financing sources which are available. This information will be useful to you whether or not you purchase membership in the cooperative or decide to purchase a home elsewhere. This is an ideal opportunity for you to learn about GHI in a relaxed atmosphere and afford you the opportunity to make an informed decision about your future housing needs.

The next presentation is scheduled as follows:

SATURDAY - January 20, 2001 11:00 a.m.

Please call the receptionist at (301) 474-4161 for reservations and information. The sessions are free, and there is no obligation. There are lists of "Homes for Sale" at the GHI office. There is no charge.

**GREENBELT HOMES, INC.**  
Hamilton Place  
Greenbelt, Maryland 20770



## COUNCIL

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velop the then privately owned Parcel 1 sparked a political firestorm of opposition to the proposal, then the city acquired the parcels.

Councilmember Rodney Roberts suggested at a recent meeting that as part of the millennium celebration year the city take action to preserve the city's greenbelt. The city staff researched the idea of land conservation easement. Staff recommended against an easement because it is usually used in relation to private property; its perpetual nature means future city councils are restricted in their decision making ability toward these lands, which a council cannot do; and the workload required is heavy.

Roberts said he would like to see "any kind of mechanism that says this is a property that shouldn't be developed." He asked staff to see if a super majority requirement could be put in place; that a council vote of 4 out of 5 be required to make decisions on this parkland. City staff was directed to draw up a resolution that will be discussed at an upcoming council meeting that defines the parkland area, envisions its use as parkland and develops a management plan.

### Reducing False Alarms

A program to reduce residential false alarms was approved by council. It will start with a six-month phase that emphasizes education and outreach to the public. This should give the public time to learn about the program and work on system operation problems that may cause false alarms. Staff will report back to council in six months.

Two years ago the council established a false alarm reduction program. The emphasis had been on reducing false alarms in non-residential systems and there has been a 54% reduction in these types of false alarms.

### Car Sharing

Council decided to have a worksession on the idea of car sharing and have city staff go to Green Ridge House to talk about the issue. The idea of a group of people having joint access to one or more vehicles so a person has use of a car part time had been put forward as a possible solution to parking problems at Green Ridge House. City staff researched the issue and prepared a booklet.

This is an idea that should be explored seriously, said councilmember Alan Turnbull. He felt that the full onus should not be put on Green Ridge House residents to get a pilot program going.

However Roberts said that the program is supposed to address the parking needs at Green Ridge House.

## State College Trust Holds Info Meetings

The Maryland Prepaid College Trust and the Prince George's County public schools are hosting parent information nights throughout the county to provide parents and grandparents with the opportunity to learn more about how the Trust can help make college more affordable. All parent information nights are scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. On Tuesday, January 9, a meeting will be held at Martin Luther King, Jr. Middle School in Beltsville. For information call the Maryland Prepaid College Trust at 1-888-4MD GRAD (option #4).

The Trust is a state program designed to provide families with a way to save for a child's future college education by locking in today's contract prices. The Trust is backed by a Maryland legislative guarantee. It is open to children newborn through tenth grade. It offers flexible tuition plans, and affordable payment options, and can be used at nearly any college nationwide.

Parent information nights are open to the public and are not only for parents of students at the host schools.

### Staff Reorganization

Council refused a plan to reorganize the top positions in the Department of Public Works. Councilmembers thought more discussion of this was needed. They also expressed concerns about major staff reorganizations just before a long awaited in-house pay and benefits study is due to be completed. A worksession on this study is scheduled for Wednesday, January 10. This will be the third staff recommendation to the council this fall without the benefit of the comprehensive pay and benefit review, complained White. "How many of these mid-course corrections are we going to have?" he asked. A system needs to be in place, said Councilmember Edward Putens. He said he did not want to go changing people around in positions based on personalities.

The key proposals had been to upgrade by one grade the superintendent of operations and create an assistant director position. This would relieve some of the workload on the director of the department and the superintendent of operations.

## Bowie Borders Site Of Cartoonists Show

by Barbara Simon

"Art Inside the Borders: Work by Kids from Mister Geo's GAVA Comic Book and Animation Classes" will be on display at Borders Bookstore in Bowie during the month of January.

Mister Geo (George Kochell) teaches cartooning, comic book and animation classes for the Greenbelt Association for the Visual Arts (GAVA) at the Greenbelt Community Center. The animation classes are taught in cooperation with GATE (Greenbelt Access TV).

On Saturday, January 13, from 1 to 3 p.m., children can join Mister Geo at Borders to create and color their own mini-comic to take home. They will create their own characters, then draw, ink and letter each page of a brand new story in an original comic book to color.

January 13 is also a Borders Benefit Day for GAVA. Patrons may pick up a coupon at GAVA's information table at the store to present when they make a purchase that day. GAVA will receive 15% of the cost of each such purchase.

Winter cartoon, comic book and animation classes in the Greenbelt Community Center will begin the week of January 15. Call 301-474-2192 for information about classes or the Borders exhibit.

## National Arboretum Seeks Gardeners

The National Arboretum in Washington, the nation's only funded garden, is seeking volunteers to help maintain the gardens and plant collections. Volunteers will be trained in botany, plant identification, pruning, weeding and integrated pest management. Beginning January 16, there will be a four week training course on Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Volunteers work weekdays between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. a minimum of four hours a week. A one year commitment is required. For an application call Mary Ann Jarvis, volunteer coordinator, at 202-245-4565.



### MASS SCHEDULE:

**Sunday 8, 9:30, 11 a.m.**  
**Saturday 5 p.m.**

Daily Mass: As announced  
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 3:45-4:45 p.m.  
Rev. Thomas F. Crowley, Pastor  
Rev. R. Scott Hurd, Pastoral Associate  
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### GREENBELT BAPTIST CHURCH

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Wed. Praise and Prayer 7:00 pm  
Wed. Living Proof, Youth Event 7:00 pm  
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## Marriott Residence Inn Plan Okayed by Council

by Maria Piazzola

At its December 18 regular meeting the Greenbelt City Council approved a detailed site plan for a Marriott Residence Inn at the Golden Triangle.

Brentwood Hotels recently purchased the 3.51-acre parcel of land and plans to build a 120-guest-room hotel and one-story gatehouse with on-site parking. The development, which is located at the end of the Golden Triangle Drive adjacent to the Courtyard by Marriott, will total 92,757 square feet. A Brentwood Hotels representative attended the meeting to explain the purpose of the planned extended-stay hotel.

Mayor Judith Davis said she agreed that Greenbelt needs an extended-stay facility.

"It fits a different niche than the other hotels we have," Davis said. "It's for a long-term stay for families, business people and people who are relocating."

Earlier, in February 1998, the city had approved a site plan for a 61,400 sq. ft., 140-unit hotel on the property. But in response to concerns raised

by city staff and the Advisory Planning Board, a revised site plan was submitted to improve pedestrian circulation, landscaping and traffic patterns. The owner has agreed to provide a two-foot high landscaping bed at the base of an 8 by 2 foot monument sign for the hotel.

The owner has also agreed to enter into a formal easement agreement with the city for a future pedestrian/bicycle overpass at Kenilworth Avenue.

Councilmember Edward Putens gave his personal approval to the plan just before council formally approved the detailed site plan. "Marriott has a reputation as a good quality chain," Putens said. "We welcome you."



**Catholic Community of Greenbelt MASS**

Municipal Building  
10 A.M.

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10 am Education for all ages  
11 am Sung Service



# POLICE BLOTTER

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department. Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

**Unattended Child**  
Unit block of Parkway, Dec. 22, 7:40 a.m., a 31-year-old female resident was arrested after she allegedly left a 4-year-old unattended in her residence. The child left the apartment and entered the hallway, where a witness found the child and notified police. The woman was released on citation pending trial.

**Burglary and Theft**  
9100 block of Edmonston Road, Dec. 21, 1:48 p.m., a VCR and compact discs were taken. Entry was gained by breaking out a bedroom window.

Beltway Plaza Mall, Dec. 22, 6:15 p.m., an unattended purse was taken.

8200 block of Canning Terrace, Dec. 23, 4:46 p.m., someone attempted to enter a residence by tampering with a door lock. Entry was not gained.

Party City in Beltway Plaza Mall, Dec. 23, 5:09 p.m., an unattended purse was taken from a shopping cart.

Fashion Bug in Beltway Plaza Mall, Dec. 23, 5:43 p.m., an unattended cellular telephone was taken from a stroller.

Ashley Stewart in Beltway Plaza Mall, Dec. 27, 5:21 p.m., an unattended purse was taken from a break room.

Jeepers! Indoor Playground in Beltway Plaza Mall, Dec. 27, 7:32 p.m., a cellular telephone was taken from a locker.

6100 block of Breezewood Drive, Dec. 27, 9:16 p.m., someone broke a sliding glass door of a residence.

Wendy's at Beltway Plaza Mall, Dec. 28, 1:52 p.m., an unattended purse was taken from a table.

**Fraud**  
Columbia Bank in the 7500 block of Greenway Center Drive, Dec. 22, 11:10 a.m., a 38-year-

old female nonresident was arrested and charged with fraud after she allegedly attempted to pass a forged check. She was released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

**Vehicle Crimes**  
The following vehicles were reported stolen: a blue 1994 Land Rover with Maryland tags M16940, Dec. 22, from Beltway Plaza Mall; a brown 1987 Jeep Cherokee with Maryland tags M509918, Dec. 23, from the 6400 block of Ivy Lane; a green 1995 Dodge Caravan with partial Maryland tags M24\_ \_ \_ , Dec. 24, from the 7700 block of Hanover Parkway; and a blue Plymouth Voyager with Maryland tags ABG46B, Dec. 27, from the Greenbelt Metro station.

Vandalism to and thefts from vehicles were reported in the following areas: 9200 block of

**Nominations Sought Honoring Volunteers**  
The United Nations has declared 2001 the International Year of the Volunteer. The Prince George's Volunteer Center will celebrate with volunteers around the world and honor its citizens for their outstanding volunteer work throughout the community.

The Center is asking Prince George's County citizens to identify and nominate individuals, groups, fraternities and sororities, businesses or corporations who have contributed their time, efforts and talents to improve the quality of life for residents. Previous nominees who were not selected for an award may be renominated.

Nominees may be friends, co-workers, neighbors, civic leaders, coaches, tutors, mentors and community leaders. Anyone, regardless of age, who has made a significant contribution to volunteering may be nominated. Special

recognition will be given the businesses/corporations that provide assistance to the volunteer mission in Prince George's County. Special projects undertaken by a business, or individual projects completed by employees as volunteer service may be nominated.


All nominations must be submitted by Saturday, January 20,

to the Prince George's Volunteer Center, P.O. Box 187, Hyattsville, MD 20781. People who would like to have a nomination form or who have questions about the nomination procedure should call the Volunteer Center at 301-699-2800. Winners will be announced and their award will be presented at the Prince George's Volunteer of the Year Awards ceremony on Thursday, March 22, at 6 p.m. at Martin's Crosswinds, Greenbelt.


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GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL  
Municipal Building Council Room  
January 8, 2001  
Regular Meeting - 8:00 p.m.

I. ORGANIZATION

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

3. Meditation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

4. Consent Agenda - Approval of Staff Recommendations  
*(The consent agenda comprises those items marked by an asterisk [\*], subject to such revisions as may be made by the Council prior to approval.)*

5. Approval of Agenda and Additions

II. COMMUNICATIONS

6. Presentations  
- Prince George's County Sheriff's Department - Role of the Department in the Community

7. Petitions and Requests  
*(Petitions received at the meeting will not be acted upon by the City Council at this meeting unless the standing rules are waived by the Council.)*

\* 8. Minutes of Meetings

9. Administrative Reports

\* 10. Committee Reports  
- Youth Advisory Committee, Report #2000-2 (Scooter, Skateboard & Bicycle Safety)

III. LEGISLATION

11. A Resolution to Amend Resolution Number 916, to Authorize the Negotiated Purchase of Certain Goods and Services from Various Vendors as Enumerated Herein When Total Fiscal Year Purchases from Each Vendor Exceed Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000), 1<sup>st</sup> Reading

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

12. Green Ridge House Tenant Selection Guidelines

13. Follow-up on Plan to Upgrade City Playgrounds

14. Red Light Camera Program


\* 15. Approval of Board of Appeals Resolution for Variance

\* 16. Appointments to COG Boards and Policy Committees for 2001

V. MEETINGS

NOTE: This is a preliminary agenda, subject to change. Regular Council meetings are open to the public, and all interested citizens are invited to attend. For information, please call 301-474-3870. If special accommodations are required to make this meeting accessible to any disabled person, please call 301-474-8000 or 301-474-2046 (TDD) to request such accommodation before 10:00 a.m. on the day of the meeting.


Check out the Greenbelt Citylink Web site at  
[www.ci.greenbelt.md.us](http://www.ci.greenbelt.md.us)  
Kathleen Gallagher  
City Clerk



Volunteer Needed  
for Focus Group

The State Highway Administration (SHA) is establishing a citizen's focus group for the I-95/I-495 Greenbelt Metro Access Study. This is a study of possible improvements (e.g., additional ramps) to the beltway interchange at the Greenbelt Metro Station. This focus group will help identify local concerns and issues associated with the proposals developed by SHA staff.

The Greenbelt City Council is seeking a citizen volunteer to nominate to join this task force. It is anticipated that the focus group will begin meeting soon. If you would like to be considered for this task force, please submit a letter of interest to Kathleen Gallagher, City of Greenbelt, 25 Crescent Rd., Greenbelt, MD 20770 by January 19, 2001. If you have any questions please contact the City Offices at 301-474-8000.



KARATE with ARTURO

The Greenbelt Recreation Department is now offering a variety of Karate classes with Arturo and Marcela Oliva. You may register for classes at the Greenbelt Community Center or the Greenbelt Youth Center. Checks should be made payable to "City of Greenbelt". The classes offered are as follows:

\* Karate (beginners) - 132202-1  
Wednesdays 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm  
Class begins January 10, 2001  
Greenbelt Comm. Ctr. - Rehearsal Room

\* Karate (All Levels) - 132201-3  
Saturdays 9:45 am to 10:45 am  
Class begins January 13, 2001  
Greenbelt Community Center - Dance Studio

\* Karate (beginners) - 132202-2  
Thursdays 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm  
Class begins January 11, 2001  
Greenbelt Community Center - Dance Studio

\* Cardio Kick Boxing - 142202-1  
Wednesdays 7:45 pm to 8:45 pm  
Class begins January 10, 2001  
Greenbelt Comm. Ctr. - Rehearsal Room

\* Karate (Inter/Adv) - 132201-1  
Wednesdays 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm  
Class begins January 10, 2001  
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\* Cardio Kick Boxing - 142202-2  
Thursdays 7:45 pm to 8:45 pm  
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Greenbelt Community Center - Dance Studio

\* Karate (Inter/Adv) - 132201-2  
Thursdays 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm  
Class begins January 11, 2001  
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\* Cardio Kick Boxing - 142202-3  
Saturdays 8:30 am to 9:30 am  
Class begins January 13, 2001  
Greenbelt Community Center - Dance Studio

Registration Information

Fee to attend class once a week:  
Fee to attend class twice a week:  
Fee to attend class three times a week:

Residents - \$30.00  
Residents - \$40.00  
Residents - \$50.00

Non-Residents \$37.00  
Non-Residents - \$50.00  
Non-Residents - \$63.00

You may register for classes at the Greenbelt Community Center or the Greenbelt Youth Center. Checks should be made payable to "City of Greenbelt". For information please call 301-397-2208. In case of inclement weather please call the Information/Weather HOTLINE at 301-474-5525.



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Hillshire Smoked Sausage All Varieties <b>\$1 99</b> 12 oz.	Esskay Sliced Bacon All Varieties <b>\$1 99</b> 16 oz.
Barber Foods Chicken Breast Entrees <b>\$3 29</b> 12 oz.	Oscar Mayer All Meat Bologna <b>\$1 29</b> 16 oz.

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Tropicana Pure Premium Orange Juice <b>\$2 49</b> 64 oz.		Deli Virginia Baked Ham <b>\$3 99</b> lb.
Best Yet Soft Cream Cheese <b>\$1 29</b> 15 oz.		Wunderbar German Bologna <b>\$1 49</b> lb.
Frigo Ricotta Cheese <b>\$1 29</b> 15 oz.		Domestic Swiss Cheese <b>\$3 99</b> lb.
Kraft Grated Parmesan or-Romano Cheese <b>\$2 99</b> 8 oz.		Wintergarden Creamy Cole Slaw <b>\$1 39</b> lb.

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Sunsweet Pitted Prunes <b>\$1 29</b> 12 oz.	Cascade Powder Lemon Auto Dish Detergent <b>\$1 89</b> 45 oz.	Doritos Corn Chips <b>\$2 29</b> Asst. Varieties 13.5 oz.

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Hormel Chili With Beans Original-Hot- Turkey-Vegetarian <b>89¢</b> 15 oz.	Mennen Speed Stick Deodorants Asst. Varieties <b>\$1 99</b> 2 oz.	Cheer Value Size Powdered Laundry Detergent <b>\$4 99</b> 87 oz.
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### HOUSEWARES

Best Yet Ketchup <b>\$1 29</b> 40 oz.	Manco Duck Tape <b>\$2 99</b> 45 yds.	Best Yet Lunch Pack Apple Sauce <b>99¢</b> Asst. Varieties 6 pk.-24 oz.
Kellogg's Frosted Mini- Wheat Cereal <b>\$2 39</b> 20 oz.	Panatek T-120 Blank Video Cassette Tape <b>99¢</b> each	Chi Chi's Salsa <b>\$1 79</b> Asst. Varieties 16 oz.

### FARM FRESH PRODUCE

	Crunchy Peeled Baby Carrots <b>\$1 19</b> 1 Pound Bag
Red-or-White Seedless Grapes <b>\$1 99</b> lb.	All Purpose Red Potatoes <b>\$1 39</b> 5 Pound Bag
Granny Smith Apples <b>89¢</b> lb.	Fresh Express Garden Salad Mix <b>\$1 29</b> 1 lb. bag
Sunkist 72 Size Navel Oranges <b>3/\$1 00</b>	Green Cabbage <b>29¢</b> lb.
Royal Gala Apples <b>89¢</b> lb.	Yellow Onions <b>69¢</b> 2 lb. bag
Zesty Limes <b>4/99¢</b>	Fresh Express Cole Slaw Mix <b>\$1 29</b> 1 lb. bag

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Ellio's 9-Slice Cheese Pizza <b>\$1 99</b> 24 oz.	Inglenook White Zinfandel <b>\$4 99</b> 1.5 liter
Best Yet Ice Cream <b>\$1 49</b> Asst. Flavors 1/2 gal.	Schaefer Beer <b>\$2 49</b> 6 pk.-12 oz. cans
McCain Potato Fries <b>\$1 49</b> Asst. Varieties 40 oz.	Avia Wines <b>\$3 39</b> 750 ml.

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## A Review

# Greenbelt's New Year 2001 Fete Had Much to Offer

by James Giese

This was our first time to Greenbelt New Year celebrations. There was a lot to like about it, but it still could have been better. Also, there was an awful lot that went on that we didn't get to see. Greenbelt New Year 2001 was primarily designed for families with kids. We didn't have any to bring along.

We started off with the fireworks. They were great! These were not Independence Day fireworks, but they were tailored for a New Year's Eve celebration. While lacking the giant skyrockets and their awesome bursts, the display made up for it with plenty of razzle and dazzle, lots of big booms and gorgeous displays of shimmering silver and gold. The Department of Public Works did their usual great job in setting off the show, which lasted longer than I had expected.

We were disappointed in the size of the crowd watching. We were at the end of the Youth Center by the baseball field. Perhaps there was a larger group at the softball field. It seemed to me though, that the number watching did not justify the expense.

We slipped around behind the Youth Center gym. That gave us a solid wall to rest our aged backs against while waiting for the show to start. Also, the building blocked out the area lights in the parking lot and along the walkway.

## Getting Started

We had to take off for an open house after the fireworks and didn't return until after nine. Our first stop was the entrance lobby to the Community Center to get a schedule. We were immediately impressed to see the many volunteers, many of whom we knew, working their tails off to make the celebration a great event. Our hats off to them.

It would have been nice to have seen a schedule in advance in the News Review, or to have gotten one when we bought our arm bands. We were disappointed to see that many of the events had already taken place, and that the number of choices for us to go to were rapidly dwindling.

## Magician

It appeared that we had only a few minutes to get over to the theater to see Eric Henning's last magic act of the evening. We took off right away, not even taking time to buy a tee shirt (we never did get to buy one). It turned out that our haste was unnecessary as the start time was not 9:15 as we had thought, and the show started late. We enjoyed the prestidigitation very much. Henning was good enough with his hands that I couldn't tell how he did things even when I thought I knew how he was pulling off the trick. He lacked the pizzazz of the more prominent magicians of today, and I missed the lack of a shapely female assistant. The stunt of pulling silver coins out of the ears and hair of audience members was cute, but grew tiresome after awhile, although I suppose all the young people who volunteered to let him find where they had silver coins hidden were delighted with this part of the act. The act that puzzled me most was the transfer of a wedding ring from a ribbon to a

wand. Although I didn't see him do it, I could figure out how he got the ring onto the wand, but I couldn't see how he could get the ring off the ribbon. The magic rings that kept coming apart and then being rejoined together were also very intriguing, although it's a stunt I've seen done before.

All in all, Henning's act was a good way to start off the evening's entertainment, but I don't know if I would want to see him again unless he came up with new material.

## Scottish Dancing

Although we would have liked to have stopped in at the New Deal Cafe to check out their entertainment, our schedule indicated that we had less than a half-hour left to see the Scottish dancing. My wife, an ex-Irish dancer, wanted to check that out. There were two squares (rounds) of dancers, many new to the dance and a small group watching. The dances being done with live musical accompaniment were not unlike the Irish dancing done at Ceilis. If this event had gone on longer, we might have gotten out on the dance floor, but, alas, their time ran out.

By now, there were only two events going — the cabaret and DC Motors in the gym. We chose the quieter music of John Hill in the cabaret, generally known as the multipurpose room. I was disappointed to see so few tables and chairs set up. I expect that this limited the audience size. Fortunately, someone left at the right time and we got to sit at a table.

John Hill was great to listen to. He did a variety of songs including a moving rendition of Auld Lang Syne well after his show was scheduled to end. It's clear that he enjoyed performing as much as we enjoyed listening.

## Slow Refreshments

Unfortunately, I missed much of the end of his show by stand-



Good music and good food bring New Year's Eve revelers to the New Deal Cafe.

- photo by Jenna Williams

ing in line for refreshments sold by the New Deal Cafe. As usual, I found service with them to be slow. While I am sure more volunteers would have helped, it seems to me that better organization is needed. Coffee was a single item on the menu, so I ordered it. After receiving a cold cup, I was told that the percolator was still heating the coffee, but that the decaf was hot. I would have ordered decaf to begin with if I had known. With the two coffees, I bought two giant cookies. They were great.

After John Hill finished, we rushed down to the gym with 15 minutes to go until the new year. It was a mad house. It looks like this year's turnout exceeded last, and that the event was a success. The dance floor was crowded with squirming, jumping bodies, while all seats were taken.

DC Motors is a pretty good band, although its music is a little more modern than we are. They remind me of the Hubcaps, another group that used to play a lot in Greenbelt until they got too well known and expensive. However, the younger generations

appeared to thoroughly enjoy them.

We were looking forward to lengthy speeches from the mayor and council, but the band played right up until a ten-second countdown to midnight, and then started up again. We joined the crowd in blowing our free horns, then shared a kiss as the band

played on. We, however, turned into pumpkins, and headed back home.

Greenbelt New Year is certainly a great alternative to expensive champagne dinners, high-topped night clubs and excessive alcohol as a way for the entire family to celebrate. Our hats off to all those who made it possible.

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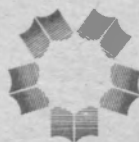
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Dad enjoys a New Year's Eve dance with his daughter.

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Line dancers pose for a picture.

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## NEW YEAR

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a few of the offerings. Decorations were everywhere, thanks to the artists in residence at the Community Center, with the help of many children.

At the Old Greenbelt Theatre, Eric Henning entertained young and old alike with old-fashioned magic and legerdemain during three separate performances. He roamed through the audience picking silver dollars from the ears, hair, and coats of unsuspecting participants. Some of the tricks were geared more toward the young in the audience, while others were geared toward adults. All had a good time.

### Jukebox

In the Arts Center, the Millennium Jukebox put on two shows. The "jukebox" was made up of 15 children and 12 adults who sang a song from each decade of the century. According to Chris Cherry, Greenbelt Recreation Coordinator, the jukebox "really was a good show." The singers ranged in age from four to 76 years of age.



Eric Henning

Kelley Jo Wallace, the youngest member of the troop, accompanied them on the violin.

At the Youth Center, teens were being entertained with music, games, and food. At the New Deal Café, singing groups entertained while participants had a chance to relax and have a bite to eat. Food was available at several locations.

### Community Art

This year there was an emphasis on community art. Community Center artist in residence Elizabeth Morissette, with help from young Greenbelters, produced banners that hung from the ceiling of the gym. Another

artist in residence, Mike McMullin, helped elementary schoolers produce the stage backdrop, which consisted of long rolls of wallpaper painted with figures from nature. There were outdoor sculptures crafted by an artist but painted with the help of children from Greenbelt Elementary School, St. Hugh's School, and students who attend after-school educational activities at the Community Center. Hair became a medium as sculptor and hair stylist Debra Nesbitt and Joyce Cox created wild hair sculptures that could be seen on teenagers in all locations.

### Millennium Passport

New this year was the Millennium Passport, a booklet given to each participant. The passport describes activities that will take place during 2001 in Greenbelt. There is a spot to obtain a stamp when a person attends the event. At the end of the year, there will be prizes. If a person attends enough events and obtains enough stamps, he or she will be eligible for a free t-shirt and free admission to next year's New Year's party.



Emory Harman and friends enjoy the music in the gym.

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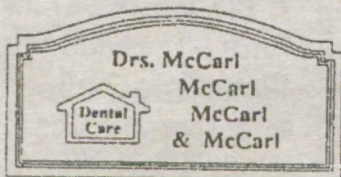
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**GREENBROOK VILLAGE & ESTATES**

  - Southeast Corner of Ora Glen Drive and Mathew Drive
  - Southeast Corner of Hanover Parkway and Greenbrook Drive
  - In front of barricade at Mandan Road and Mathew Street

**GREENWOOD VILLAGE**

  - Opposite 8175 Mandan Terrace
  - Opposite 7646 Mandan Road
  - Opposite 7648 Mandan Road

**GREENSPRING & GREENSPRING II**

  - Southwest Corner of Megan Lane and Craddock Road
  - Park area between 7926 & 8006 Greenbury Drive
  - Corner of Spring Manor Drive and Springshire Way
  - Open area between 6519 & 6515 Springcrest Drive

**BELLE POINT**

  - Corner of Vanity Fair Drive and Prince James Way
  - Open area between 7800 & 7801 Vanity Fair Drive
  - Open area beside 7962 Vanity Fair Dr.

**GREENBELT VILLAGE**

  - Open area between 6729 & 6715 Village Park Drive
  - Open area across from 6632 Lake Park Drive
  - Open area across from 6510 & 6512 Lake Park Drive
- BOXWOOD** Ivy and Lastner Lane

  - Playground

**LAKEWOOD** Greenhill Rd & Crescent Rd. (By Baptist Church)

**CHARLESTOWNE VILLAGE AND CHARLESTOWNE NORTH** Adjacent to Attick Park

**UNIVERSITY SQUARE**-Front of swimming pool

**LAKESIDE NORTH**-Near swimming pool

**SPRINGHILL LAKE**-Community Building

**GREENBRIAR**-Between Buildings:

  - 7708 & 7710 Hanover Parkway
  - 7728 & 7730 Hanover Parkway
  - 7826 & 7828 Hanover Parkway
  - 8003 & 8009 Mandan Road

**GLEN OAKS**-Between Buildings:

  - 7903 & 7905 Mandan Road
  - 7509 & 7511 Mandan Road



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•Senior Citizen (60 & up)	4.00	5.00
•Skate Rental	4.00	4.00

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